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SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : விநியோகம் செய்யும்போது ஜில்லாக் கலெக்டர்கள் முதலானவர்கள் ஜில்லா டெவலப்மெண்ட் கவுன்ஸிலினுடைய ஆலோசனைகளைக் கேட்கின்றார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : டெவலப்மெண்ட் கவுன்சில் ஆலோசனை சொல்லலாம். ஆலோசனை சொன்னபிறகுதானே கேட்பார்களா என்று சொல்ல முடியும் ? சொல்லக்கூடிய ஆலோசனையைச் சொல்லலாம்.

Agri-Horticulture Society

* 735 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the origin of the grant to Agri-Horticulture Society; and

(*b*) if so, the result thereof ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Agri-Horticultural Society which was started in 1835 received in 1844 a monthly grant of Rs. 150, which in 1855 was raised to Rs. 250 per mensem. Besides this, the Society was getting Rs. 500 as an extra grant annually and another amount of Rs. 500 in connection with the annual flower show held by it. These grants continued up to February 1922, when the Government decided that the grant to the Society should be limited to the amount of subscription the Society itself is able to collect. The question was reviewed again in 1953 and it has been decided that the same principle should be followed.

Dowry Prohibition Bill

* 736 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have asked the opinion of the State Government on the Dowry Prohibition Bill, 1959 ; and

(*b*) if so, the reply sent by the Government ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that because of the evil of dowry system, women of 30 years and above still remain unmarried, and if so, will the Government recommend the abolition of the dowry system to the Goverment of India ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon Member is aware that a legislation on those lines is before the Parliament. So we will wait and see what the Parliament is deciding about it.

Clash between Students and Police

* 737 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED ; SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : } Will the Hon. Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any clash between the Police and the students in Madras City on 20th February 1960, and if so, the action taken on the same ; and

(*b*) whether Police constables belonging to Vepery and Kilpauk Police stations were suspended in this connexion ?